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From US correspondent with whom she was friendly, Anna Louise Strong sometime ago borrowed copy Tito-Central Committee correspondence (as published in England) belonging to Embassy. She told source she desired get this to Mao Tze-Tung but since did not dare carry it personally, intended take copious notes. Source confirms she spoke much and indiscreetly on Mao-Tito parallel and was shocked by her naivete and carelessness re Soviet police methods.

Above supports Embassy view that Strong arrest closely connected China situation and furnishes clue to Kremlin attitude toward Mao. Appears to Embassy that Soviets simply did not want Strong informing and encouraging Mao to emulate Tito. May also suggest Mao actually lacks knowledge significance Tito split.

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